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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 11-20 September 1995.

11 September 1995

1. Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 69 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. At 0855 hours on 11 September 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1020 hours.

12 September 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 104 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Salman and Busayyah.

13 September 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 85 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Amarah and Salman.

3. At 1125 hours on 13 September 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1247 hours.

14 September 1995

1. Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 67 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. At 1000 hours on 14 September 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1200 hours.

15 September 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Dohuk, Mosul, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah and Zakho.

2. Southern region: 69 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman and Shatrah.

3. On 15 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0940 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1010 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1150 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1305 hours.

16 September 1995

1. Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Aqrah and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Samawah, Nasiriyah, Shanafiyah, Chabaish, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih and Jalibah.

3. On 16 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0955 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1150 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1320 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1020 hours.

17 September 1995

1. Southern region: 94 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Shu'aybah, Busayyah and Artawi.

2. On 17 September 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0912 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1022 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1015 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1210 hours.

The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1320 hours.

18 September 1995

1. Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 18 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0952 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1038 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1215 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1320 hours.

19 September 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 65 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Artawi, Chabaish, Salman, Lasaf, Busayyah and Jalibah.

3. On 19 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0900 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1000 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1033 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1245 hours.

20 September 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 71 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Amarah, Samawah, Chabaish, Artawi and Jalibah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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